

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
April 7, 2011

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Invocation was given by Larry Stuber, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Minutes of the meeting of the March 24, 2011 City Council Meeting and the March 24, 2011 Summary Minutes of the City Council Workshop and City Manager's Briefing were approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and carried.

PRESENT: Mayor Otis S. Johnson, Presiding
Mayor Pro-Tem Edna B. Jackson
Alderman Tony Thomas, Chairman of Council
Alderman Van Johnson, II, Vice-Chairman of Council, Aldermen Larry Stuber, Clifton Jones, Jeff Felser, Mary Osborne and Mary Ellen Sprague

Acting City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney
City Attorney James B. Blackburn
Asst. City Attorneys William W. Shearouse and Lester B. Johnson, III

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Johnson stated it was his privilege and honor to present Dyanne C. Reese, Clerk of Council, a 35-year service pin. He stated that was a tremendous amount of experience and contribution to the City.

Park and Tree/Cemeteries Director Jerry Flemming and Forestry Administrator Bill Haws announced that the National Arbor Day Foundation has named Savannah a Tree City USA for the 25th straight year, in recognition of the City's comprehensive efforts to preserve and expand one of the nation's finest urban forests.

Savannah Youth Council member 8th grader Mumia Orr read his essay "If I were a Mayor," in recognition of Georgia Cities Week. Youth Council Coordinator Carlis Bates was present with Mr. Orr.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of the licenses and upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Felser, and carried, they were approved:

Jeffrey Glen Henry t/a Kroger No. 404, requesting to transfer a beer and wine (package) license from Roy W. Smith at 14010 Abercorn Street, which is located between Apache Avenue and Rio Road in District 6. (New manager/applicant.)

Jeffrey Glen Henry t/a Kroger No. 418, requesting to transfer a beer and wine (package) license from Roy W. Smith at 311 E. Gwinnett Street, which is located between Habersham and Lincoln Streets in District 2. (New manager/applicant.)

Jeffrey Glen Henry t/a Kroger No. 957, requesting to transfer a beer and wine (package) license from Roy W. Smith at 318 Mall Boulevard, which is located between Hodgson Memorial Drive and Abercorn and Abercorn Street in District 4. (New manager/applicant.)

Jeffrey Glen Henry t/a Kroger No. 979, requesting to transfer a beer and wine (package) license from Roy W. Smith at 1900 E. Victory Drive, which is located between Dixie Avenue and Wallin Street in District 2. (New manager/applicant.)

Teresa Michelle Hernandez for Pub 29, LLC d/b/a Pub 29, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales and a hybrid permit at 5002 Paulsen Street, Suite 109, which is located between 66th and 67th Streets in District 4. (New location.)

Steven Brian Husky for Blue Turtle LLC d/b/a Blue Turtle Bistro, requesting a beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 5002 Paulsen Street, which had a 2010 beer and wine (package with wine tasting) license and is located between 66th and 67th Streets in District 4. (New ownership.)

Don Lee for Heiwa's DMAA Inc. d/b/a Heiwa's I, requesting a beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 10 Barnard Street, which is located between Bay and Bryan Streets in District 1. (New location.)

Nital Patel for Trish Corporation d/b/a T&K Liquor, Beer and Wine, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (package) license at 726 W. Ogleshorpe Avenue, which had a 2010 liquor, beer and wine (package) license revoked and is located between Fahm Street and Highway 17-A in District 1. (**Applicant has requested a continuance to June 2, 2011.**)

PETITIONS

Ricky Barrow for Cristina Di Resta and Peter Van Steenberg - Petition 13159, requesting to encroach onto the York Lane right-of-way at 148 Price Street (PIN 2-0005-30-006) for the construction of a balcony and stairway. The property is located at the southeast corner of York Lane and Price Street. The petitioner is planning to maintain the first floor of the building as a commercial/retail operation and utilize the second floor as a residence. He proposes to rebuild a previously-existing balcony on the north side of the building and construct a stairway for entrance to the second-floor living quarters. The balcony will be 10' wide and 3' deep. The floor of the balcony will be 11' above street level. The stairwell will extend an additional 14' along the lane. The Historic District Board of Review approved the proposed rehabilitation conditioned on the City's approval for the lane encroachment. The petition has been reviewed by Water Resources and Public Works, Sanitation, and Development Services. Although there are no objections to the request, Water and Sewer notes the presence of a 20" force main on the north side of York Lane and an 8" gravity sewer main on the south side of the lane. The petitioner must be advised that the stairway may require removal in the event that future repairs to the lines prove necessary. Recommend advising the petitioner that the encroachments grant no ownership rights to the property and that, if ever required, the structures must be removed at the petitioner's expense. Recommend further advising the petitioner that the encroachments must meet all City development guidelines including permitting and site plan review prior to construction.

Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried, the requested petition was granted.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance read for the first time in Council March 24, 2011, read a second time April 7, 2011, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried.

Waste Cooking Oil Recycling. An ordinance to require food service establishments to recycle waste cooking oil in order to protect the sanitary sewer and stormwater infrastructure; to require waste cooking oil to be stored in or on private property; to provide that in cases where the food service establishment has no room to store this product in compliance with health codes the owner shall apply for a Temporary Use of Right of Way permit; to require all waste cooking oil collection companies to register with the Water Reclamation Department annually and report the assignment of storage devices to each food service establishment serviced; to establish maintenance and operational standards; and to provide for fees and an effective date of January 1, 2012.

AN ORDINANCE
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART 5, MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, CHAPTER 2, SEWAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH (2003) BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE E. FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT WASTE COOKING OIL RULES AND REGULATIONS, SEC. 5-2063; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof;

SECTION 1; That Part 5, Municipal Utilities, Chapter 2. Sewage Collections and Disposal of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003) be amended by adding thereto Article E. Food Service Establishment Waste Oil Rules and Regulations, Section 5-2063, as follows:

Food Service Establishment Waste Cooking Oil Rules and Regulations

I. Purpose

The overall goal of these rules and regulations is to prevent and control pollution, to protect human health and the environment, and to prevent odor or other cleanliness related nuisances. The specific purpose of this chapter is to prevent the discharge of any pollutant into the sanitary sewer system, the storm sewer system, or surface waters, which would: Obstruct or damage the sanitary sewer or stormwater collection systems; Interfere with, inhibit, or disrupt the City of Savannah's Water Reclamation Plants, wastewater treatment processes, operations, or its sludge processes, use or disposal; Pass through the treatment and/or collection system and contribute to violations of the regulatory requirements and limitations placed upon the City; or Result in or threaten harm to human health or the deterioration of the environment.

II. Administration

This policy is administered by the City of Savannah Water Reclamation Department. Failure to comply may be considered a violation of the City of Savannah Sewer Use and Pretreatment Ordinances and the City of Savannah Stormwater Discharge Limitations Ordinance.

III. Applicability of Policy

This policy shall apply to all food service establishments as defined herein and to all waste cooking oil collectors providing service to any such food service establishments. In the event a conflict occurs between the interpretation of language herein and any standards of the Sewer Use and Pretreatment Ordinances and Stormwater Discharge Limitations Ordinance, the Water and Sewer Director, with concurrence of the City Attorney, shall provide the correct interpretation.

IV. Definitions

Waste Cooking Oil also known as tallow, waste vegetable oil, and/or renderable FOG shall mean fat, oils, and grease used in food preparation that have not been in contact or contaminated with other sources such as water, wastewater or solid waste. An example of waste cooking oil is fryer oil, which can be recycled into products such as animal feed, cosmetics, and alternative fuel.

Waste Cooking Oil Collector shall mean any person engaged in the loading or vehicular transport of waste cooking oil as part of, or incidental to, any business for that purpose.

V. Waste Cooking Oil Recycling

The City of Savannah requires the recycling of waste cooking oil.

No person shall dispose of any oil, or cause any oil to be disposed, by discharge into any drainage piping, by discharge into any public or private sanitary sewer, by discharge into any storm drainage system, or by discharge to any land, street, public way, river, stream or other waterway. Waste cooking oil shall be segregated and stored in compliance with state and local health codes.

VI. Waste Cooking Oil Storage

Waste cooking oil shall be stored and located in the FSE or on private property. When waste cooking oil storage cannot be accommodated in the FSE or on private property, a “Temporary Use of Right of Way Permit” may be submitted for consideration as outlined in Section VIII of this ordinance.

VII Waste Cooking Oil Collectors

Waste cooking oil collectors shall submit an application and associated fee (Waste Cooking Oil Collector Application for Permit) to provide service. If the application is approved by the Water and Sewer Director or his/her appointee a permit will be issued. Permits shall be renewed annually. All vehicles utilized by a collector to remove, transport, and dispose of waste cooking oil from a FSE shall have the collector company name clearly displayed on the vehicle. Vehicles shall be inspected annually by the Water Reclamation Department Staff as a part of the application process. Waste cooking oil collectors servicing FSEs shall immediately clean all spills created during the collection and transporting process whether the spill is on the storage devices or the surrounding area. Whenever the contents are removed from a storage device, the storage device shall be cleaned so that grease residue shall not remain and accumulate in, on, or around the storage device. It shall be the responsibility of the FSE to determine if a storage device has reached capacity prior to a scheduled pick-up. The FSE shall notify the collector immediately. Collectors are responsible for emptying storage devices that have reached their storage capacity.

VIII. Temporary Use of Public Rights Of Way

Under circumstances where waste cooking oil storage cannot be permanently contained within the FSE or on private property, the FSE may apply for a “Temporary Use of Right of Way Permit” to locate a storage device temporarily within the public right-of-way.

All storage devices approved for temporary storage within the public rights-of-way shall comply with the following: The location of storage devices shall not impede vehicular ingress and egress and shall allow a minimum travel lane of twelve (12’) feet within service lanes. Storage devices shall be metal unless otherwise approved by the City and equipped with a screen cover and associated water tight cover over all openings. Visual screening may be required and shall comply with all applicable zoning, architectural and design guidelines. Storage devices shall be locked and remain locked except during deposit or collection of waste cooking oil. Storage devices shall remain leak free, clean, and graffiti free. Storage devices shall be clearly labeled with the following information: Name of collection company and contact information, Name of FSE, and A City of Savannah permit sticker. Storage devices shall be maintained in a manner that minimizes odors; eliminates nuisances such as visible residue; and prevents conflicts between uses of the public right-of-way. Applications for a “Temporary Use of Right of Way Permit” shall be completed for each FSE. Applicants must notify the City of any changes to the information on the application within 30 days. Permits shall be renewed annually with all applicable fees paid. Applications shall be considered and either approved or denied within 30 days of submission by the Water and Sewer Director or his/her appointee. The City may deny any application that fails to comply with the requirements of this ordinance, or if the applicant has failed or refused: To repair public improvements or other property damaged as a result of the occupancy of the public right-of-way; and To demonstrate readiness and willingness to comply with the terms of this policy, with the standards promulgated pursuant to this policy or with the terms of approval.

IX. Maintenance and Operational Standards

Best Management Practices and Training of FSE Employees. All FSEs shall implement best management practices for handling waste cooking oil. Emphasis shall be on minimizing the discharge of waste cooking oil into the sewer system and/or the stormwater collection system. Training for all new FSE staff and annual training for existing FSE staff shall be documented and employee signatures retained indicating each employee's attendance and understanding of the practices reviewed. Guidelines for training and best management practices for handling waste cooking oil are included in the FSE permit application.

Waste Cooking Oil Record Keeping

The FSE shall keep all manifests, receipts, and invoices of all waste cooking oil storage and disposal from the FSE on site for no less than two years. The FSE shall, upon request, make these available to any City representative or inspector.

Contractual Relationships

In the event any contractual relationship exists between a FSE and a waste cooking oil collector which creates or transfers a liability for incidents and activities which may be subject to this policy, such a relationship shall not relieve a violator of this policy from any penalties and liabilities outlined herein. It is expressly declared that any transfer of a responsibility or liability between a party shall be between them.

Liability Insurance

Every collector shall acquire and maintain in force public liability insurance covering its operations, activities and vehicles subject to this ordinance. Minimum coverage shall include limits of \$500,000.00 per occurrence of personal injury and \$100,000.00 per occurrence of property damage.

X. Requirements for Existing, Remodeled, and Newly Constructed FSEs

To minimize odors, nuisances, and conflicts between uses of the public ROW's and service lanes, and to meet the City's requirement that waste cooking oil shall be stored within the FSE property, the following shall be required: Existing FSE's undergoing a remodel or renovation that requires a building permit and increases the size of the kitchen, preparation, and/or storage area by twenty (20%) percent shall include sufficient space within the FSE to store and recycle waste cooking oil. Any structure converting to a FSE and requiring a change of occupancy shall include space sufficient to store and recycle waste cooking oil within the FSE. Newly constructed buildings designed to house FSEs shall include an area for waste cooking oil storage and recycling collection activity.

XI. Enforcement

Failure to comply with the provisions herein may be grounds for penalty imposition and/or permit revocation. Fines and penalties associated with noncompliance shall be in accordance with the provisions of the most current City of Savannah Sewer Use and Pretreatment Ordinance and the Administrative Fines Section. In addition the violation may be subject to fines and penalties in accordance with the City of Savannah Stormwater Discharge Limitations Ordinance.

XII. Effective Date

This Article shall be effective January 1, 2012.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2011, UPON MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FELSER AND CARRIED.

First and Second Readings

Rezone 401 W. Gaston Street (Z-110111-62792-2). An ordinance to rezone 401 W. Gaston Street from R-B-C-1 (Residential-Business-Conservation, Extended) to BC-1 (Central Business). Alderman Jackson asked what type of business would open there; and Ms. Toney stated a building contractor.

AN ORDINANCE To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-B-C-1 TO A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF BC-1; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in a regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: The following described property be rezoned from its present zoning classification of a R-b-C-1 to a zoning classification of BC-1:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point [X 986710.27 Y 754996.05] located at the intersections of the centerlines of West Gaston Street. and Montgomery Street thence proceeding in a Northwesterly direction along the Centerline of West Gaston Street for a distance of approximately 91 feet to a point thence proceeding along a line in a Southwesterly direction S 15-20-17 W for a distance of approximately 69 feet to a point thence proceeding along a line in a Southeasterly direction S 74-39-43 E for a distance of approximately 89 feet to a point thence proceeding in a Northeasterly direction along the centerline of Montgomery Street for a distance of approximately 65 feet to a point, said point being, the point of beginning.

The property is further identified by the Property Identification Number as follows:
P.I.N. 2-0045-21-001

SECTION 2: That the requirement of Section 8-3182(f)(2) of said Code and the law in such cases made and provided has been satisfied. That an opportunity for a public hearing was afforded anyone having an interest or property right which may have been affected by this zoning amendment, said notice being published in the Savannah Morning News, on the day of 2010, a copy of said notice being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2011 UPON MOTION BY ALDERMAN FELSER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SPRAGUE.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS

Montgomery Street Parking. Traffic Engineering has investigated a request from the pastor of St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church, located at 401 W. 56th Street, that parking be permitted on Montgomery Street in the vicinity of the church on Sundays. W. 56th Street between Montgomery and Meding Street, where the church is located, is a very narrow and short street. The church does not have any off-street parking facilities. The Montgomery Street traffic volume on Sundays is low enough to accommodate on street parking without creating a problem for traffic flow or safety. Recommend that parking be permitted on the west side of Montgomery Street on Sundays between 56th Street and 58th Street. Parking on the eastside of Montgomery Street is already permitted south of 56th Street.

Upon motion of Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Jackson, approval was given for the above traffic engineering project.

Upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried, the following **bids, contracts and agreements** were approved:

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Riverwalk Bulkhead Assessment Consulting Services - Sole Source - (OP132). Approval for consulting services from Geosyntec Consultants in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. This project involves the assessment of the failure of the bulkhead on the Riverwalk Section 3 and subsequent reports to City Council. The work will be completed in four phases and includes the initial assessment of the cause of failure of Section 3, the preliminary assessment of the remaining bulkhead sections and preparation of a report recommending rehabilitation measures to the two remaining un-failed sections. Updates to the assessment including consultation with the original project design consultant to provide recommendations and assess approximate costs to stabilize the three sections. The final phase will conclude with recommendations for activities that could provide the requested long-term stability at lower costs than originally anticipated including obtaining information regarding the grade of fill from the current landowner, assessing site-specific seismic data, confirming helical anchor capacity in Section 3 and

assess shear strength of the silty clay in Sections 2 and 3. The consultant was selected because they were already under contract with the City through the City Attorney's office for the Ellis Square project, for their superior geotechnical expertise, and as an impartial third party could provide a non-biased assessment. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Improvements Fund/ Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/Savannah River Landing/Riverwalk (Account No. 311-9207-52842-OP132). Ms. Toney stated this was a procedural clean-up; they have been working with City staff. The contract is not to exceed \$150,000.

Parking Operations Management System – Annual Contract – RFP No. 10.057. Awarded an annual contract to procure a parking operations management system from T2 Inc. in the amount of \$208,468.00. This system will provide Mobility and Parking Services with the ability to oversee and track all on-street parking activities from issuing citations to collecting fines. It will streamline all parking tasks including accounts receivable, residential and other permits, access cards, citations, towing, monthly contract parking, event management, reservations, and validations. The system will include new handheld devices for issuing citations as well as software for data management. The recommended proposer submitted a proposal that will provide the latest technology and software development techniques which will enable improving the overall departmental performance while increasing services to customers. The costs are for the initial system software licensing and hardware, implementation and training services and first year maintenance costs. The reason for not selecting the lowest proposer is their proposal required a minimum contract of 3 years. As such, their total costs would exceed the one-time cost for the proposed system. The second lowest proposer was not selected because their proposed system utilized the internet and cell phone to automate the parking system. This technology has proven not to work in Savannah or any area with significant tree canopy. It would also require all customers to possess a cell phone. The method used for this procurement was the request for proposal which evaluates other criteria in addition to costs. The criteria evaluated as part of this project were the proposer's approach to parking operations management; the maintainability, flexibility and modifiability of the proposed system; qualifications and experience of the proposer; and initial and on-going costs. Delivery: Ongoing. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Capital Improvement Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Cost/Parking Garage Software (Account No. 311-9207-52842 OP523).

Breathing Air Station – Fire Station 11 – Bid No. 11.065. Approval to procure one self-contained breathing apparatus refill station from Breathing Air Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$56,832.00. The refill station will be utilized by Fire and Emergency Services in the new station on Mohawk Street. The reason for not awarding to low bidder Fluid Air Systems is that they are a small company that builds compressor units from acquired individual components rather than a manufacturer that makes and assembles the components. Fluid Air was only able to provide references for small agencies with a low volume of usage making it impossible to evaluate how the system will hold up under the anticipated high volume usage. Savannah Fire has standardized on the Bauer refill system since 1998. The five Bauer units have performed well, are reliable, and hold up to our high volume usage. From a safety and training viewpoint having standardized equipment cuts down on injuries and saves time in emergencies. Other area agencies utilizing Bauer refill systems include Port Wentworth, Garden City, 165th Airlift Wing, Rincon, Effingham/Springfield, Fort Stewart and Hunter. Delivery: 90 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Capital Improvement Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Southside Fire Station (Account No. 311-9207-52842-PB520).

Tropos Network Equipment Software Support – One Time Purchase – Requisition No. 11203416. Approval to procure Tropos network equipment software support and maintenance from Tropos Networks in the amount of \$38,743.00. The software support will be used to maintain the Tropos equipment installed in the City's surveillance network. The reason for the sole source is that the support is only available from the equipment manufacturer. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Internal Service Fund/Information Technology/Data Processing Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 611-1140-51251).

Additional Milling and Resurfacing – GDOT Resurfacing Project – Requisition No. 11201516. Approval to procure milling and resurfacing of the 11 street sections listed below from APAC Southeast, Inc. in the amount of \$90,608.15. APAC has been awarded the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) bid for street resurfacing. Under the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) APAC will resurface 48 sections of local streets. Streets Maintenance has received a quotation from APAC for the milling and resurfacing of an additional 4,710 feet on the continuation of 11 of those streets sections. Using APAC to resurface the street sections instead of the City's annual resurfacing contractor will save the City \$31,751 in mobilization and material costs since APAC will already be on site with the LMIG project. Having a single contractor perform this additional work will also provide a better transition and a smoother street surface. The streets to be resurfaced under this project are: 52nd Street from Harmon to Waters 635 Linear feet, Dasher Street from Gibbons to Helen 170 Linear feet, Woodland Drive from Whitney to DeRenne 440 Linear feet, Dyches Drive from Hillyer to Sheridan Circle 720 Linear feet, Varn Drive from Camelot to Oxford Street 656 Linear feet, Loyola Drive 200 feet past Fulmer 200 Linear feet, Betty Drive from Marlin to Emory 700 Linear feet Forsyth Road from Colonial to dead end 380 Linear feet, Kensington Drive from Camelot to Oxford 370 Linear feet, Oxford Drive from Varn to Reynolds 340 Linear feet, Lafitte from Dolphin to Dolphin 390 Linear feet. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Capital Improvement Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Street Paving (Account No. 311-9207-52842 SP324).


Grading and Paving – Fernwood Detention Basin – One Time Purchase – Quotation No. 11.032. Approval to procure grading and paving services from Griffin Construction in the amount of \$35,135.20. The services will be utilized by Stormwater Management to install a maintenance road/walking trail around the Fernwood Detention Pond. Quotes were received March 25, 2011. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Capital Improvement Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Placentia Phase I (Account No. 311-9207-52842-DR802).

Water and Sewer Agreement – 2832 Tremont Road. Approval to Corvair, LLC request water and sewer agreement for 2832 Tremont Road. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this .72-equivalent residential unit development located on Tremont Road. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format.

Alderman Jeff Felser recognized the passing of a community leader Mr. Sylvan Mikva Byck. Byck's reputation led to his involvement in all corners of the Savannah business community. He chaired the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission as well as the Port Authority of Savannah, the precursor of the Savannah Economic Development Authority. He served on the boards of the Georgia Ports Authority and the Georgia Lottery Commission. He helped found the Savannah Waterfront Association, First Chatham Bank, and the 200 Club (a philanthropic organization that provides assistance to the families of firefighters and policemen killed in the line of duty). Byck provided rent-free housing to evacuees in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Byck was also active with Congregation Mickve Israel, the Telfair Museum, the Jewish Educational Alliance and the United Way. Alderman Felser stated the Community will surely miss him.

Mayor Johnson stated he was asked to announce there would be a Black Expo, the weekend of April 9 – 10, at Savannah State University. The kick-off would be April 8th at City Hall with a reception; also a breakfast on Friday.

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson declared this meeting of Council adjourned.



Dyanne C. Reese
Clerk of Council